

East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB)
Eastern Montgomery Regional Center
3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

MEETING SUMMARY

Members Present: Roy Chavera, Peter Myo Khin, Fisseha Adugna, Jerold Samet, Melissa Daley, Samantha Blizzard, Faustina Smith Neil, Fred Stichnoth, Len Newman

Guests Present: Greg Ossont, Peter Fosselman, Mensa Adjogah, Ed Wieler, Claire Rupert, Margaret Poore, Dan Wilhelm, Pat Tyser, Vikki Garcia, Antonio Cheeks, Karen Cheeks, Willie Rodriguez, Erlinda Rodriguez, Ken Flemmer, Harriett Quinn, Andrey Tokarev, Mark Doore, Sebastian Smoot, Hillary Kaplan, Allan mulligan

Staff Present: Jewru Bandeh and Chiffon Smith

Special Guest Presentation: Greg Ossont, Deputy Director, Montgomery County Department of General Services made a presentation highlighting update on the county's partnership with Global Life-Science Development Center (GLDC) related to transportation/infrastructure capital improvements, including but not limited to the following topics:

- The General Development Agreement regarding business terms of the development was signed in the Summer of 2016.
- A map was presented showing the County property (the old Washington Sewer and Sanitary Commission Site II Composting site) that is part of the development, with an even split between residential and commercial sites.
- A general timeline regarding the development process was articulated.
- County intends to work well with WSSC regarding easement as it related to the water tower.
- The County Executive asked the County Council for \$40 million designation for capital improvements, which would be included in the roadway infrastructure portion of the budget, as well as \$10M for cleanup of the Site II location.
- Traffic infrastructure improvements will be a major ongoing discussion, which will include but not be limited to locations such as Industrial Parkway, Plum Orchard, Percontee Boulevard. and Washington Adventist Hospital sites.
- Information regarding the Viva White Oak project will be included in the Department of General Services website in a few weeks, to include milestones, time lines, etc. The property and planning entitlement process should take about 12 months, the demolition and clean-up should take about 12 months, with completion for both sometime around the winter 2017.
- Dates for obligatory community meetings (aka referred to by a citizen as pre-application meetings), remain to be determined.

New Business: Chairman Chavera commented on the following items:

- Recruitment for new members for the board is ongoing.
- The board discussed the need to appoint chairs for the two committees – Planning and Economic Development and Quality of Life/Social Issues. Fisseha Adugna made a motion to appoint Peter

Myo Khin as Chair of the Economic Development and Planning Sub-Committee. This motion was seconded by Jerold Samet and approved by all.

- The appointment of a Chair for the Quality of Life Sub-Committee, remains undetermined and will be discussed at the next general board meeting in October 2016.
- The board decided/agreed to hold quarterly executive ECCAB board member meetings to set board agendas, follow up on/discuss issues. The next quarterly meeting will take place in December 2016.
- The board unanimously approved appointment of Fisseha Adugna as the ECCAB representative on the Bus Rapid transportation Corridor Advisory Committee North.

Old Business: Approval of Meeting Summary – Peter Myo Khin made motion to amend May/June ECCAB Meeting Summaries to include attendance of board member Melissa Daley, which was seconded by Len Newman and approved by all. The ECCAB May and June 2016 Meeting Summaries were subsequently approved.

Updates: East County Regional Services Center Director's Report: Jewru Bandeh provided a brief report highlighting:

- General ECCAB meeting protocol including but not limited to: regular attendance, efficiency of meeting with goal to end by 9 pm, ways to motivate board members' participation in both general and sub-committee meetings;
- In follow-up to the Food Summit, input from designated board members will be sought regarding food providers that work with East County;
- Certificates of Appreciation will be given to outgoing Board Members;
- New applicants for the board were interviewed and names were sent to County Executive who forwarded recommendations to the County Council. Approval is pending. Date of orientation will be determined after approval of new members. It is expected that selection of new members and orientation dates will be completed by the next board meeting on October 5, 2016.

Citizens' Comments: Issues raised/comments made included: Need for assistance in community clean-up specifically homeowners neglect of repairs and/or personal property maintenance; clarification/guidance sought in determination of property owners individual responsibilities and/or liabilities regarding falling trees between homes; status report and thanks regarding successful youth summer camp, with intention to sponsor similar camp in summer 2017; citizen expressed concerns and provided a possible remedy regarding county dumping snow on her lawn, which she believes caused storm water overflow on her property; Calverton Citizens Association (CCA) representative highlighted positive changes at Maydale Nature Center; Greater Good Hope Civic Association representative spoke about the need for safety enhancements to protect bicycle riders, pedestrians, etc. state highway administration (SHA) design for Rt. 198 redesign/expansion, CCA representative expressed concerns of traffic diversion overflow on Calverton Blvd as it relates to the development in the White Oak Science Gateway Master Plan.

Recognition of Outgoing ECCAB Members: Certificates were presented to Len Newman and Alan Mulligan.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.